



IAPD Report

KENNETH A GATTO

CRD# 1823980

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IAPD Information About Representatives

IAPD offers information on all current-and many former representatives. Investors are strongly encouraged to use IAPD to check the background of representatives before deciding to conduct, or continue to conduct, business with them.

What is included in a IAPD report?

IAPD reports for individual representatives include information such as employment history, professional qualifications, disciplinary actions, criminal convictions, civil judgments and arbitration awards.

It is important to note that the information contained in an IAPD report may include pending actions or allegations that may be contested, unresolved or unproven. In the end, these actions or allegations may be resolved in favor of the representative, or concluded through a negotiated settlement with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.

Where did this information come from?

The information contained in IAPD comes from the Investment Adviser Registration Depository (IARD) and FINRA's Central Registration Depository, or CRD, (see more on CRD below) and is a combination of:

- information the states require representatives and firms to submit as part of the registration and licensing process, and
- information that state regulators report regarding disciplinary actions or allegations against representatives.

How current is this information?

Generally, representatives are required to update their professional and disciplinary information in IARD within 30 days.

Need help interpreting this report?

For help understanding how to read this report, please consult NASAA's IAPD Tips page <http://www.nasaa.org/IAPD/IARReports.cfm>

What if I want to check the background of an Individual Broker or Brokerage Firm?

To check the background of an Individual Broker or Brokerage firm, you can search for the firm or individual in IAPD. If your search is successful, click on the link provided to view the available licensing and registration information in FINRA's BrokerCheck website.

Are there other resources I can use to check the background of investment professionals?

It is recommended that you learn as much as possible about an individual representative or Investment Adviser firm before deciding to work with them. Your state securities regulator can help you research individuals and certain firms doing business in your state. The contact information for state securities regulators can be found on the website of the North American Securities Administrators Association <http://www.nasaa.org>



Report Summary

KENNETH A GATTO (CRD# 1823980)

The report summary provides an overview of the representative's professional background and conduct. The information contained in this report has been provided by the representative, investment adviser and/or securities firms, and/or securities regulators as part of the states' investment adviser registration and licensing process. The information contained in this report was last updated by the representative, a previous employing firm, or a securities regulator on **08/26/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	03/24/2016
IA	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	03/24/2016

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **6** SRO(s) and **37** jurisdiction(s).

Is this representative currently Inactive or Suspended with any regulator? **No**

Note: Not all jurisdictions require IAR registration or may have an exemption from registration.

Additional information including this individual's qualification examinations and professional designations is available in the Detailed Report.

REGISTRATION HISTORY

This representative was previously registered with the following firm(s):

	FIRM	CRD#	LOCATION	REGISTRATION DATES
B	MORGAN STANLEY	149777	JERICO, NY	06/01/2009 - 04/11/2016
IA	MORGAN STANLEY	149777	JERICO, NY	06/01/2009 - 04/11/2016
IA	MORGAN STANLEY & CO. INCORPORATED	8209	JERICO, NY	04/11/2008 - 06/01/2009

For additional registration and employment history details as reported by the individual, refer to the Registration and Employment History section of the Detailed Report.

DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

Disclosure events include certain criminal charges and convictions, formal investigations and disciplinary actions initiated by regulators, customer disputes and arbitrations, and financial disclosures such as bankruptcies and unpaid judgments or liens.

Are there events disclosed about this representative? **Yes**

The following types of events are disclosed about this representative:

Type	Count
Customer Dispute	1



Qualifications

REGISTRATIONS

This section provides the SRO, states and U.S. territories in which the representative is currently registered and licensed, the category of each registration, and the date on which the registration becomes effective. This section also provides, for each firm with which the representative is currently employed, the address of each location where the representative works. This individual is currently registered with **37** jurisdiction(s) and 6 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

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Firm Name: **MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED**

Main Address: ONE BRYANT PARK
NEW YORK, NY 10036

Firm ID#: 7691

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Cboe Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/24/2016
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/24/2016
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Arkansas	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	California	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
IA	Connecticut	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/28/2016
B	Delaware	Agent	Approved	02/22/2017



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	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	District of Columbia	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Hawaii	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Idaho	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	11/09/2021
B	Kentucky	Agent	Approved	01/10/2023
B	Louisiana	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Maine	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Nebraska	Agent	Approved	05/22/2017
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	New York	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
IA	New York	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	04/19/2021



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	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	08/21/2025
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Puerto Rico	Agent	Approved	04/28/2025
B	Rhode Island	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	06/22/2020
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Vermont	Agent	Approved	05/23/2016
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	03/24/2016
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	01/31/2019
B	West Virginia	Agent	Approved	09/09/2025

Branch Office Locations

**MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH
INCORPORATED**
300 BROADHOLLOW RD
MELVILLE, NY 11747



Qualifications



PASSED INDUSTRY EXAMS

This section includes all industry exams that the representative has passed. Under limited circumstances, a representative may attain registration after receiving an exam waiver based on a combination of exams the representative has passed and qualifying work experience. Likewise a new exam requirement may be grandfathered based on a representative's specific qualifying work experience. Exam waivers and grandfathering are not included below.

This individual has passed 1 principal/supervisory exam, 3 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B General Securities Sales Supervisor Examination (Options Module & General Module) (S8)	Series 8	11/12/1996

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
B Futures Managed Funds Examination (S31)	Series 31	04/29/2003
B General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	05/21/1988

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	05/20/2003
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	06/21/1988



PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

This section details that the representative has reported **0** professional designation(s).

No information reported.

Only professional designations listed in Question 8 of the Form U4 will appear in this section if the appropriate box is checked and verified by the issuing organization at the time of the filing. Learn more about eligible designations at [IARD](#) and [NASAA](#).



Registration & Employment History

PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED WITH THE FOLLOWING FIRMS

This representative held registrations with the following firms:

	Registration Dates	Firm Name	ID#	Branch Location
B	06/01/2009 - 04/11/2016	MORGAN STANLEY	CRD# 149777	JERICO, NY
IA	06/01/2009 - 04/11/2016	MORGAN STANLEY	CRD# 149777	JERICO, NY
IA	04/11/2008 - 06/01/2009	MORGAN STANLEY & CO. INCORPORATED	CRD# 8209	JERICO, NY
B	02/22/2008 - 06/01/2009	MORGAN STANLEY & CO. INCORPORATED	CRD# 8209	JERICO, NY
B	07/31/1993 - 03/06/2008	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	CRD# 7059	GARDEN CITY, NY
B	05/25/1988 - 07/31/1993	LEHMAN BROTHERS INC.	CRD# 7506	NEW YORK, NY

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Below is the representative's employment history for up to the last 10 years.

Employment Dates	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
04/2016 - Present	BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	JERICO, NY, United States
03/2016 - Present	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	JERICO, NY, United States

OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

This section includes information, if any, as provided by the representative regarding other business activities the representative is currently engaged in either as a proprietor, partner, officer, director, employee, trustee, agent, or otherwise. This section does not include non-investment related activity that is exclusively charitable, civic, religious, or fraternal and is recognized as tax exempt.

I*2602

For profit or not for profit:

Name of outside business organization: J GTrust

Investment related:

Address of business:

Locuat Valley, New York 11560

Nature of business: ,

Position, title, association: ,

Start date of relationship: 10/27/1999

Number of hours devoted: 1 hour(s) Quarterly

Number of hours devoted during trading hours: 1



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OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Duties:

I*2227345, Entity Type: , Name of OBA: Rental Property 1, Address: Southampton, New York, 11968, Investment Related: N, Position, Title, Association: Co-owner with other family members, Employee State Date: 07/01/2025, No Hours: 0 Weekly, No Hours during Trading: 0 Weekly, Duties:

I*2267282, Entity Type: , Name of OBA: S G, Address: Locust Valley , New York, 11560, Investment Related: N, Position, Title, Association: Power of Attorney, Employee State Date: 20-Jan-2024, No Hours: 0 Yearly, No Hours during Trading: 0 Yearly, Duties:



Disclosure Summary

Disclosure Information

What you should know about reported disclosure events:

(1) Certain thresholds must be met before an event is reported to IARD, for example:

- A law enforcement agency must file formal charges before an Investment Adviser Representative is required to report a particular criminal event.;
- A customer dispute must involve allegations that an Investment Adviser Representative engaged in activity that violates certain rules or conduct governing the industry and that the activity resulted in damages of at least \$5,000.

(2) Disclosure events in IAPD reports come from different sources:

As mentioned in the "About IAPD" section on page 1 of this report, information contained in IAPD comes from Investment Adviser Representatives, firms and regulators. When more than one of these sources reports information for the same disclosure event, all versions of the event will appear in the IAPD report. The different versions will be separated by a solid line with the reporting source labeled.

(3) There are different statuses and dispositions for disclosure events:

- A disclosure event may have a status of *pending*, *on appeal*, or *final*.
 - A "pending" disclosure event involves allegations that have not been proven or formally adjudicated.
 - A disclosure event that is "on appeal" involves allegations that have been adjudicated but are currently being appealed.
 - A "final" disclosure event has been concluded and its resolution is not subject to change.
- A final disclosure event generally has a disposition of *adjudicated*, *settled* or *otherwise resolved*.
 - An "adjudicated" matter includes a disposition by (1) a court of law in a criminal or civil matter, or (2) an administrative panel in an action brought by a regulator that is contested by the party charged with some alleged wrongdoing.
 - A "settled" matter generally represents a disposition wherein the parties involved in a dispute reach an agreement to resolve the matter. Please note that Investment Adviser Representatives and firms may choose to settle customer disputes or regulatory matters for business or other reasons.
 - A "resolved" matter usually includes a disposition wherein no payment is made to the customer or there is no finding of wrongdoing on the part of the Investment Adviser Representative. Such matters generally involve customer disputes.

(4) You may wish to contact the Investment Adviser Representatives to obtain further information regarding any of the disclosure events contained in this IAPD report.



DISCLOSURE EVENT DETAILS

When evaluating this information, please keep in mind that some items may involve pending actions or allegations that may be contested and have not been resolved or proven. The event may, in the end, be withdrawn, dismissed, resolved in favor of the Investment Adviser Representative, or concluded through a negotiated settlement with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.

This report provides the information exactly as it was reported to the Investment Adviser Registration Depository. Some of the specific data fields contained in the report may be blank if the information was not provided.

The following types of events are disclosed about this representative:

Type	Count
Customer Dispute	1

Customer Dispute

This section provides information regarding a customer dispute that was reported to the Investment Adviser Registration Depository (IARD) by the Investment Adviser Representative (IAR), an investment adviser and/or securities firm, and/or a securities regulator. The event may include a consumer-initiated, investment-related complaint, arbitration proceeding or civil suit that contains allegations of sales practice violations against the individual.

The customer dispute may be pending or may have resulted in a civil judgment, arbitration award, monetary settlement, closure without action, withdrawal, dismissal, denial, or other outcome.

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Reporting Source:	Regulator
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	SHEARSON LEHMAN BROTHERS
Allegations:	CUSTOMER AGAINST MEMBER FIRM FOR ALLEGED MISREPRESENTATION IN THE PURCHASE OF NORTH SIDE SAVINGS BANK-NY. CLAIMANT ALLEGES THAT RESPONDENT ASSURED HIM THAT THE COMPANY WAS TO BE TAKEN OVER BUT THAT SUCH TAKEOVER NEVER MATERIALIZED.
Product Type:	
Alleged Damages:	\$9,255.00
Arbitration Information	
Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.:	NYSE - CASE #000303
Date Notice/Process Served:	01/22/1991
Arbitration Pending?	No
Disposition:	Other
Disposition Date:	02/01/1992
Disposition Detail:	AWARD AGAINST PARTY THE UNDERSIGNED ARBITRATORS HAVE DECIDED AND DETERMINED IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT: RESPONDENTS GATTO AND SHEARSON



LEHMAN
BROTHERS, INC. SHALL PAY TO THE CLAIMANT THE SUM OF \$11,027.89
WHICH SUM INCLUDES INTEREST. COSTS OF ARBITRATION ARE
ASSESSED
AGAINST RESPONDENTS

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: SHEARSON LEHMAN BROTHERS

Allegations: MISREPRESENTATION; ALLEGED DAMAGES \$9,255.00

Product Type:

Alleged Damages: \$9,255.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation

Status Date: 02/01/1992

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: NYSE; 000303

Date Notice/Process Served: 01/22/1991

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Award to Customer

Disposition Date: 02/01/1992

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$11,027.89

Individual Contribution Amount:

Broker Statement

AWARD AGAINST PARTY. THE ARBITRATORS DECIDED AND DETERMINED IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT: RESPONDENTS GATTO AND SHEARSON LEHMAN PAY THE CLAIMANT THE SUM OF \$11,027.89 WHICH SUM INCLUDED INTEREST. THE AWARD BY THE NYSE TO [CUSTOMER] SEEMED AS IF IT WENT TOTALLY UNCONTESTED I WAS AWARE OF THE FACT THAT [CUSTOMER] WAS FAMILIAR WITH TYPES OF INVESTMENTS. HE WAS AN OFFICER OF AN PUBLICITY TRADED COMPANY AT THE TIME OF THESE COMPLAINT. WE DISCUSSED MARGIN IN DETAIL, INCLUDING HOW INTEREST WAS CHARGED. I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT [CUSTOMER] AND I HAD A GOOD BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP.I EVEN DISCOUNTED SERVERAL OF HIS TRANSCATION.I DO NOT ENVY THE



BROKER
WHO DOES BUSINESS WITH [CUSTOMER].



End of Report

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